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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

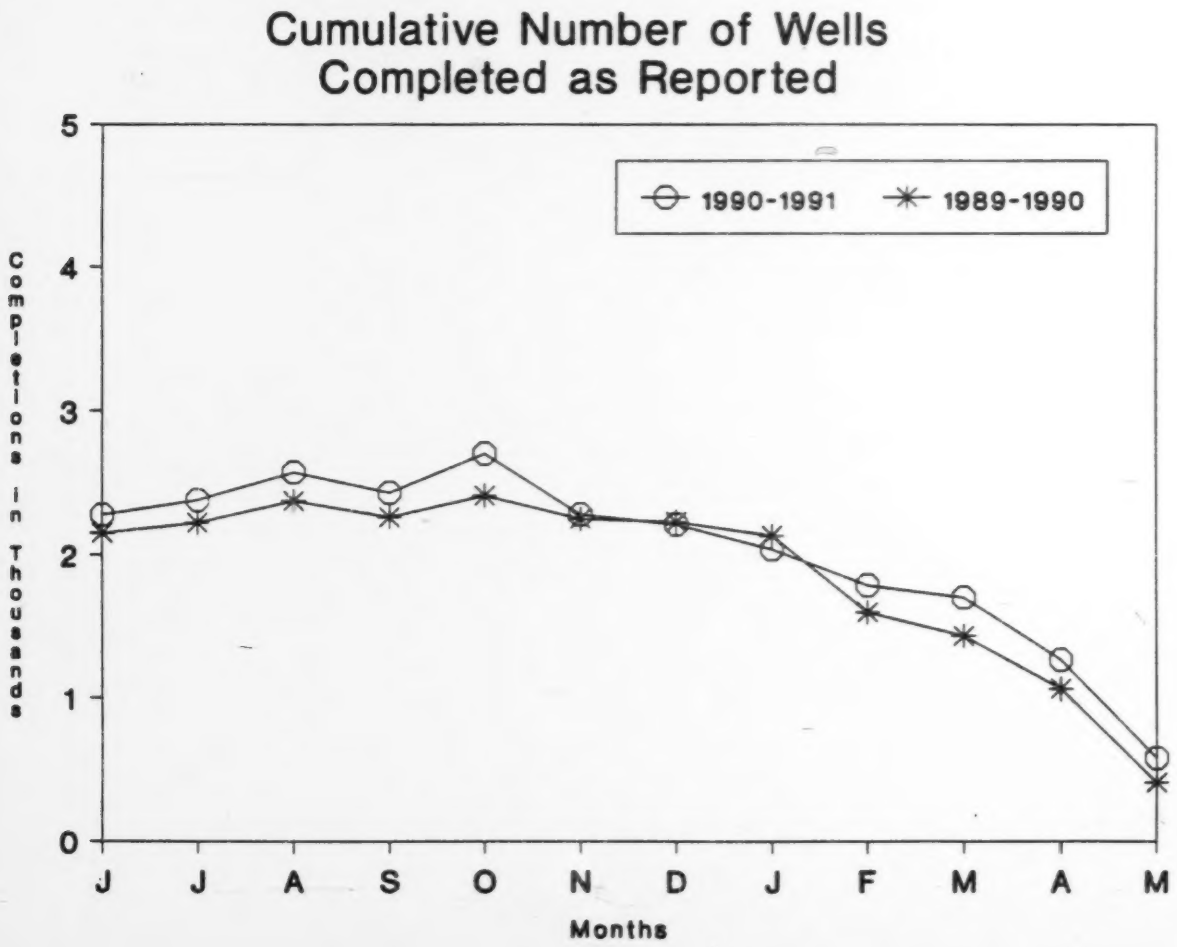

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 31, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	3,270	17,746,572	1,924	10,429,152	2,169	12,233,548	7,363	40,409,272	7,510	40,943,952
1991: MAY	242	1,278,559	58	383,167	279	1,331,124	579	2,992,850	587	3,012,723
APR	562	3,070,991	267	1,631,638	434	2,431,150	1,263	7,133,779	1,285	7,229,890
MAR	755	4,127,879	470	2,592,394	473	2,762,579	1,698	9,482,852	1,726	9,617,731
FEB	804	4,412,431	499	2,783,313	483	2,755,934	1,786	9,951,678	1,819	10,063,734
JAN	907	4,856,712	630	3,038,640	500	2,952,761	2,037	10,848,113	2,093	11,019,874
TOTAL 1990	10,724	49,913,904	9,016	46,487,919	7,645	40,686,185	27,385	137,088,008	28,048	139,018,764
1990: DEC	873	4,612,714	709	3,683,372	629	3,436,905	2,211	11,732,991	2,260	11,895,989
NOV	897	4,266,819	655	3,400,818	728	3,494,329	2,280	11,161,966	2,338	11,342,333
OCT	1,046	4,763,940	924	4,472,303	733	3,839,076	2,703	13,075,319	2,743	13,203,291
SEP	952	4,217,766	819	4,059,891	660	3,534,298	2,431	11,811,955	2,471	11,922,313
AUG	1,003	4,333,652	888	4,084,241	682	3,371,639	2,573	11,789,532	2,628	11,930,775
JUL	887	3,971,371	834	4,073,691	659	3,419,860	2,380	11,464,922	2,432	11,608,190
JUN	855	3,895,375	777	3,746,434	646	3,432,004	2,278	11,073,813	2,352	11,265,511
MAY	809	3,959,833	716	3,681,706	585	3,135,409	2,110	10,776,948	2,179	10,932,161
APR	796	3,698,687	594	3,259,708	578	3,303,196	1,968	10,261,591	2,024	10,406,857
MAR	831	3,936,698	630	3,687,034	550	2,933,396	2,011	10,557,128	2,066	10,733,779
FEB	813	3,708,050	669	3,865,054	509	2,897,620	1,991	10,470,724	2,039	10,641,496
JAN	962	4,548,999	801	4,473,667	686	3,888,453	2,449	12,911,119	2,516	13,136,089
TOTAL 1989	10,097	42,442,864	8,821	45,792,162	8,162	41,782,949	27,080	130,017,975	27,729	132,195,019
1989: DEC	925	4,016,041	795	4,473,585	738	3,990,747	2,458	12,480,373	2,507	12,632,358
NOV	913	3,835,235	809	4,244,671	734	3,822,341	2,456	11,902,247	2,526	12,146,118
OCT	929	3,935,601	839	4,180,287	811	3,993,199	2,579	12,109,087	2,630	12,306,718
SEP	833	3,623,428	812	4,005,168	738	3,786,654	2,383	11,415,250	2,414	11,535,192
AUG	960	3,676,305	835	4,255,527	714	3,658,589	2,509	11,590,421	2,596	11,840,583
JUL	859	3,360,589	763	3,846,848	695	3,450,134	2,317	10,657,571	2,377	10,862,886
JUN	827	3,590,507	712	3,425,444	686	3,452,205	2,225	10,468,156	2,280	10,616,067
MAY	870	3,541,146	618	3,192,008	659	3,184,368	2,147	9,917,522	2,196	10,064,870
APR	878	3,484,315	595	3,200,561	656	3,385,086	2,129	10,069,962	2,175	10,229,953
MAR	694	2,998,620	650	3,489,122	609	3,050,387	1,953	9,538,129	2,009	9,758,923
FEB	588	2,645,707	629	3,487,115	463	2,542,584	1,680	8,675,406	1,712	8,813,485
JAN	821	3,735,370	764	3,991,826	659	3,466,655	2,244	11,193,851	2,307	11,387,866
TOTAL 1988	13,326	57,239,142	8,272	43,911,215	10,013	52,090,367	31,611	153,240,724	32,605	156,227,355
TOTAL 1987	16,235	65,556,482	7,824	41,461,412	11,357	54,490,843	35,416	161,508,737	36,319	164,232,631

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 31, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	178	1,148,179	109	694,166	1,011	6,062,936	1,298	7,905,281
1991: MAY	14	109,078	5	30,277	124	624,805	143	764,160
APR	34	228,715	16	109,320	206	1,210,578	256	1,548,613
MAR	41	258,376	18	98,406	229	1,441,990	288	1,798,772
FEB	37	249,878	39	254,110	220	1,342,917	296	1,846,905
JAN	52	302,132	31	202,053	232	1,442,646	315	1,946,831
TOTAL 1990	609	4,121,583	549	3,738,051	3,580	20,734,950	4,738	28,594,584
990: DEC	49	373,987	41	251,262	313	1,697,199	403	2,322,448
NOV	44	307,286	31	236,691	321	1,739,776	396	2,283,753
OCT	56	314,844	55	351,374	343	1,995,273	454	2,661,491
SEP	50	327,911	37	271,393	301	1,716,668	388	2,315,972
AUG	71	450,601	58	366,828	289	1,633,955	418	2,451,384
JUL	52	368,376	53	343,401	322	1,773,112	427	2,484,889
JUN	55	403,895	45	324,280	306	1,740,004	406	2,468,179
MAY	42	270,159	41	303,125	256	1,553,886	339	2,127,170
APR	57	384,317	50	334,310	281	1,770,346	388	2,488,973
MAR	48	342,515	44	313,761	254	1,472,314	346	2,128,590
FEB	36	239,534	42	302,316	237	1,498,039	315	2,039,889
JAN	49	338,158	52	339,310	357	2,144,378	458	2,821,846
TOTAL 1989	599	3,560,727	668	4,287,486	3,934	21,571,671	5,201	29,419,884
1989: DEC	48	304,600	60	371,693	376	2,048,315	484	2,724,608
NOV	49	287,229	59	344,344	372	2,139,497	480	2,771,070
OCT	39	231,328	52	306,243	394	2,148,280	485	2,685,851
SEP	70	401,487	56	314,837	354	1,972,945	480	2,689,269
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,135	323	1,862,396	439	2,579,816
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	321	1,871,477	422	2,529,697
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	322	1,652,787	425	2,269,665
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,046	318	1,626,411	406	2,216,099
APR	63	370,697	52	306,234	288	1,556,200	403	2,233,131
MAR	51	342,532	51	341,402	298	1,520,507	400	2,204,441
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	237	1,368,278	333	1,997,864
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	810	4,918,346	696	4,698,792	4,747	26,883,855	6,253	36,500,993
TOTAL 1987	896	5,304,209	697	4,602,249	5,206	27,310,719	6,799	37,217,177

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	1,032	5,234,447	666	3,543,553	624	3,334,211	2,322	12,112,211	2,376	12,317,639
1991: MAY	242	1,278,559	58	383,167	279	1,331,124	579	2,992,850	587	3,012,723
APR	406	2,084,470	227	1,402,222	218	1,237,873	851	4,724,565	865	4,792,794
MAR	195	966,551	192	920,061	67	421,451	454	2,308,063	469	2,370,450
FEB	107	527,499	94	447,137	34	175,936	235	1,150,572	239	1,163,419
JAN	82	377,368	95	390,966	26	167,827	203	936,161	216	978,253
TOTAL 1990	210	812,623	126	576,176	114	553,049	450	1,941,848	507	2,012,107
1990: DEC	84	292,380	32	176,757	19	104,035	135	573,172	140	583,228
NOV	40	193,668	25	135,620	26	138,254	91	467,542	107	479,980
OCT	29	103,283	20	77,260	11	65,587	60	246,130	68	263,420
SEP	18	94,310	12	56,414	17	68,813	47	219,537	50	223,631
AUG	9	26,060	12	50,556	12	45,299	33	121,915	41	133,272
JUL	11	32,578	5	8,577	4	21,432	20	62,587	22	64,925
JUN	7	29,093	3	9,477	6	34,718	16	73,288	21	77,725
MAY	3	10,597	4	10,868	3	10,531	10	31,996	14	34,595
APR	2	15,190	3	5,540	4	17,653	9	38,383	13	41,158
MAR	0	0	5	32,932	6	19,734	11	52,666	12	53,651
FEB	3	6,620	0	0	4	19,665	7	26,285	8	28,175
JAN	4	8,844	5	12,175	2	7,328	11	28,347	11	28,347
TOTAL 1989	24	51,876	16	49,653	7	15,451	47	116,980	62	131,214
1989: DEC	1	1,375	3	17,925	1	2,614	5	21,914	5	21,914
NOV	2	3,180	2	4,104	1	1,000	5	8,284	5	8,284
OCT	3	10,405	2	3,478	1	2,991	6	16,874	8	16,874
SEP	2	5,882	2	3,430	1	3,710	5	13,022	5	13,022
AUG	1	3,398	0	0	0	0	1	3,398	2	3,688
JUL	2	2,110	3	9,670	1	827	6	12,607	8	14,451
JUN	4	6,611	1	2,627	0	0	5	9,238	10	13,826
MAY	0	0	3	8,419	0	0	3	8,419	6	11,101
APR	0	0	0	0	2	4,309	2	4,309	5	7,228
MAR	6	12,573	0	0	0	0	6	12,573	6	12,573
FEB	3	6,342	0	0	0	0	3	6,342	3	6,342
JAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	911
TOTAL 1988	10	36,162	2	5,428	8	28,590	20	70,180	32	80,141
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	22	46,942	5	19,517	2	13,214	29	79,673	42	94,220
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,298	6,182,050	815	4,194,327	755	3,944,515	2,868	14,320,892	3,019	14,635,321

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of May 31, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period April 27, 1991 through May 31, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.